

APPENDIX II

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 16 DECEMBER 1997 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Tommy Farrell, Drew McIntyre, John Knapp, David Fulton, Kim Nicoll, David Sneller, Robert Taylor and Eric Jackson; Parent Representative, Mrs Shelagh McKerrell and Church Representative, John McHugh.

ATTENDING: John Mulgrew, Director of Education; Margaret Burnell, Senior Depute Director of Education; Graham Short, Depute Director of Education; David Mitchell, Principal Solicitor; Anne Jackson, Principal Community Education Officer; Alan Murray, Senior Community Education Worker; Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; Anne Marie Carr, Administrative Officer and Marilyn Miller, Administrative Officer

APOLOGIES: Councillors Ronald Brailsford and George Turnbull.

CHAIR: Councillor Tommy Farrell, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. As this was the last Community Sub-Committee meeting this year, the Chair extended his best wishes for the festive season.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION - EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN EAST AYRSHIRE

Councillor McIntyre joined the meeting at this point.

2. There was submitted a report dated 28 November 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Education which advised of developments in educational support to Community Groups and Organisations in East Ayrshire through the work of the Community Education Service.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the developing commitment to community work within the Community Education Service be recognised;
- (ii) that the Director of Education refer the report to all Local Committees for comment, as appropriate; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

In welcoming the 'Roadshow Event' which had been organised to raise awareness of the availability of funding from the National Small Lotteries Grant Scheme which may be accessed by local groups, it was agreed to note that appropriate publicity arrangements would be made in respect of any groups within East Ayrshire who were successful in obtaining lottery funding from the scheme.

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3. There was submitted a report dated 21 November 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Education which advised of the progress in relation to the re-consideration of the operation and structure of the Community Education Service.

The Chair advised that a short seminar had been arranged for 15 January 1998 following the next meeting of the Education Committee at which all Elected Members and other Education Committee representatives could attend.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that plans on the future development of the Community Education Service be submitted to a future meeting following the consultation exercise;
- (ii) that the progress made to date in the re-consideration of the Service be noted; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

REVIEW OF PROVISION IN SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

4. There was submitted a report dated 25 November 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Education which advised of the extent of support for special educational needs and which sought approval for a review of this aspect of provision.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the arrangements for the review of special educational needs provision detailed at paragraph 4 of the report be approved;
- (ii) that the Director of Education submit a further report on the findings of the review to the Sub-Committee;
- (iii) that the Director of Education give consideration to establishing, if required, a Member/Officer Working Group to consider the findings of the Review Group prior to a report being submitted to the Sub-Committee; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

LEGAL ADVICE LINE FOR SCHOOLS AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

5. There was submitted a joint report dated 19 November 1997 (circulated) by the Directors of Education and of Support Services which advised of the support to schools and educational services offered by Legal Services within the Department of Support Services.

It was agreed to note the arrangements which were in place for legal support to schools.

**EDUCATION IN EARLY CHILDHOOD: THE PRE-SCHOOL YEARS - A
CONSULTATION PAPER**

6. There was submitted a report dated 4 December 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Education which advised of the publication of the Consultative Document "Education in Early Childhood: The Pre-School Years" and provided details on the funding and accountability section of the document on which the government had sought early comments from the Council.

It was reported and noted that copies of the Consultative Document were still awaited from the Scottish Office Education and Industry Department (SOEID) and that a further report regarding this matter would be submitted to the Education Committee in due course.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that, prior to the Council's comments being submitted to the SOEID, the recommendations of the Department of Education detailed at Section 6.4 of the report be reviewed by the Director of Education in consultation with the Chair stressing that the Council was the responsible authority for determining how Pre-Five Services should be planned and resourced and that such proposals should be linked with Children's Service Plans;
- (ii) that responses on the full consultation document be submitted to the Director of Education; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1030 hours.